

Indiana Dunes State Park

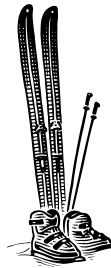
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January Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Tuesdays-Sunday, Closed Mondays

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring a parent with you.

Tuesday January 1

10am First Day Hike. As part of a 50 state initiative, America's State Parks First Day Hikes offer individuals and families an opportunity to begin the New Year rejuvenating and connecting with the outdoors by taking a healthy hike on January 1. Meet Assistant Property Manager Doug Stukey for a special Trail 9 hike this morning. We'll explore recent park projects and possible ice shelf formation on this hour jaunt. Meet at the Nature Center.

Saturday January 5

10am Bird Banding Demonstrations.

Explore the science of bird banding this morning at the Nature Center. We'll throw up the banding nets and look at everything we learn by investigating these birds up close and in the hand. BB



2pm Naturally Indiana- A Indoor Tour! Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this new 45-minute documentary that captures the heart of Indiana's wild places, from Indiana Dunes to Clifty Falls. It was produced by PBS in 2011.

Sunday January 6

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up-close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! BB

2pm Dunes through Four Seasons. Relax in the heated Nature Center Auditorium as we look at the beauty of the dunes through the year, and look ahead to the upcoming winter scenery in this slide show tour. BB

Saturday January 12

10am Winter Beach Walk! Meet the park interpreter at the beach pavilion for a short stroll along Lake Michigan's arctic shoreline. We'll explore dune formation, ice shelf building, the recent winter storm damage, while keeping an eye out for animal tracks and other winter secrets. Dress for the cold and wind! JR

2pm Artists of the Dunes. Did you know Chicago was the old movie making capitol of the world? Come visit the Nature Center this afternoon to learn how the nearby dunes have been used to inspire movies, artwork, poems and more. JR

Sunday January 13

10am Birdseed Crafts. Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center this morning for a special make-it, take-it birdseed craft. JR

2pm Just a Few Furs. Help us explore how the Indiana Dunes' mammals tough out the winter by examining animal skulls and furs. Meet in the (heated) Nature Center Auditorium. Join us! JR

Saturday January 19

Welcome Geocachers to the Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure!

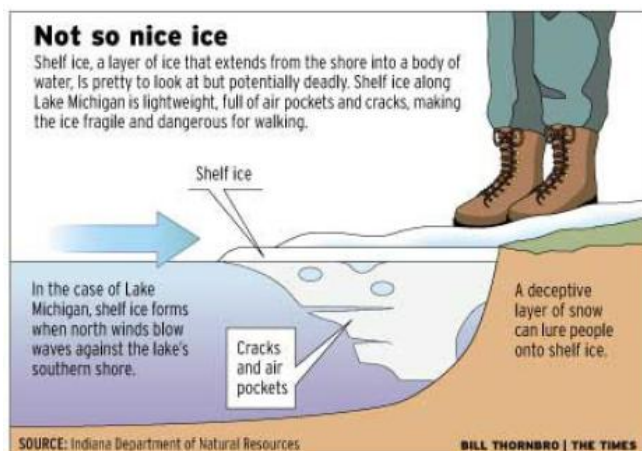
10am Winter Dune Tops! Bundle up and join the Naturalist for a winter hike to the top of one of the highest sand dunes in Indiana. We'll get amazing views of ice shelf formations and more. Total time about one hour. Meet at the Nature Center. JR

11:30am Indiana Dunes Geocache Adventure. Explore the Indiana Dunes with your GPS unit, and win prizes too! The Geocache Adventure is an annual geocaching event that lets geocachers in the tri-state area compete and have fun. The day ends with a chili-dump at the Nature Center to warm our cold bones. For registering and for more information visit geocaching.com, and search zip code 46304.

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Saturday January 26

Indiana Dunes Winter Eagle Tour This Weekend! Visit the IndianaInns.com for more info or to register!

10am Winter Puppy Parade! Bring your friendly dog for a hike this morning. Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center where your dog can get acquainted with other pooches before we begin. Information about our State Parks pooch policy will be available too. JR

2pm CSI: Owls! Swoop into the Nature Center for an opportunity to investigate the remains of an owl's meal. A short talk will introduce you to our local owls, then we'll do a hands-on investigation of an owl's meal. Great program for the family! JR

Sunday January 27

10am Dunes Trivia Hike. How wide is Lake Michigan? What does "Tremont" mean? Learn the answers to these and other questions as we play a guessing game on our hike this afternoon. Meet at the Nature Center for this 45-minute walk. JR

2pm Trash Talkin'! Through the years, park staff has discovered some unique and interesting trash. In fact, some of our oldest pieces of trash are now considered artifacts and each item tells a story. Visit the Nature Center this afternoon to hear their stories! JR



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